

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
H0004175

In Re Application Of: D. Merkel et al.

Application No.  
10/620,018

Filing Date  
July 15, 2003

Examiner  
N. Nguyen

Customer No.  
000128

Group Art Unit  
1754

Confirmation No.  
8618

Invention:

**METHODS OF PURIFYING HYDROGEN FLUORIDE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month      ☐ Two months      ☐ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

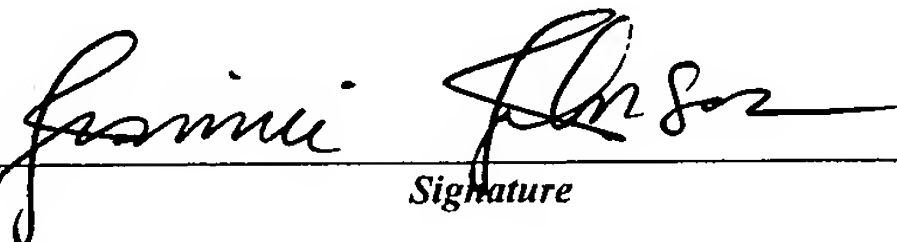
from: January 5, 2005  
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until: February 5, 2005  
*Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$120** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-5425**
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-5425**
- ☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

  
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Dated: February 3, 2005

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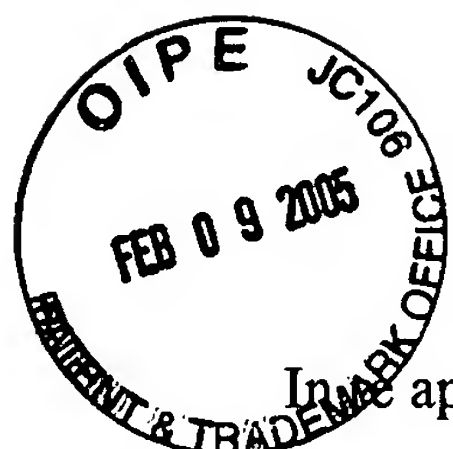
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 5, 2004**

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, and having a one month extended period for response set to expire February 5, 2005. The Office is authorized to charge any fees which may be required in order to process this response and further the prosecution of this application, including the one-month extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. If any additional extension of

time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to the aforementioned deposit account.

Applicants request that the claims be amended as reflected in the section “Amendments to the Claims” which begins on page 3 of this correspondence.

Applicants’ remarks begin on page 8.